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SUBJECT: HEIGHTENED SOVIET PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN IN ME

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SUMMARY: SOV PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN REPORTED REFTEL ADDED NEW
TWIST WITH PUBLICATION HERE OF LONG MANIFESTO ISSUED BY COMMUNIST
PARTIES OF JORDAN, SYRIA, IRAQ AND LEBANON AT CONCLUSION OF SECRET
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MEETINGS. STATEMENT URGED CLOSER COORDINATION AMONG ARAB

"NATIONALIST AND PROGRESSIVE FORCES"; CLAIMED IMPLEMENTATION OF SC RESOLUTIONS ON ME WOULD BE IN INTEREST OF ARAB "LIBERATION MOVEMENT"; CALLED FOR FURTHER EXPANSION OF EFFORTS LIQUIDATE AMERICAN INTERESTS IN ARAB WORLD; LAUDED ROLE PLAYED BY USSR AND FEDAYEEN MOVEMENT DURING OCTOBER WAR; AND WARNED THAT EFFORTS TO SETTLE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT WOULD NOT SUCCEED IF SOVS ARE LEFT OUT. END SUMMARY.

1. LONG MANIFESTO ISSUED NOV 17 AFTER SERIES OF MEETINGS BY JORDANIAN, SYRIAN, IRAQI AND LEBANESE COMMUNIST PARTIES TO DISCUSS OUTCOME OF OCTOBER WAR AND "DUTIES OF ARAB COMMUNISTS AND NATIONALIST-PROGRESSIVE FORCES IN LIGHT OF CURRENT SITUATION" AFFIRMED THAT PLO IS SOLE LEGITIMATE REP OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND WARNED AGAINST ATTEMPTS TO ISOLATE THEM AND DEPRIVE THEM OF EXERCISE OF RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION. ALL PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS, IT ADDED, MUST BE EXAMINED WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF FUTURE "GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE" IN ME. AT SAME TIME, MANIFESTO TOOK PAINS ASSERT "THAT IT POSSIBLE TO USE UN RESOLUTIONS, INCLUDING THOSE OF SECURITY COUNCIL, IN (TACTICAL) INTEREST OF ARAB NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT WITHOUT GIVING UP THAT MOVEMENT'S STRATEGIC GOALS".

2. STATEMENT ALSO ASSERTED THAT OUTCOME OF OCTOBER WAR WOULD HAVE BEEN "MORE POSITIVE HAD MASSES BEEN MOBILIZED IN BETTER WAY AND HAD THERE BEEN CLOSER COORDINATION AMONG PROGRESSIVE ARAB COUNTRIES AND FIRMER COOPERATION AND ALLIANCE WITH USSR". SAID NEW SITUATION HAD ARISEN IN WHICH IT NOW POSSIBLE TO WIN VICTORIES OVER "AMERICAN IMPERIALISM AND ISRAEL. . . , WHICH ARE WORKING ACTIVELY TO NEGATE THESE POSSIBILITIES AND TURN POLITICAL OUTCOME OF THE STRUGGLE TO THEIR OWN ADVANTAGE AND THAT OF ARAB REACTIONARIES". ADDED THAT US DIPLOMACY, LED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER, IS TRYING ACHIEVE THIS GOAL BY BRINGING ABOUT "AMERICAN SOLUTION" THAT WOULD RUN COUNTER TO INTERESTS OF ARAB LIBERATION MOVEMENT. STATEMENT EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER US "ATTEMPTS TO REHABILITATE AMERICAN IMPERIALISM" AND IGNORE SOV ROLE, AND OVER EFFORTS BY "ARAB REACTIONARIES, ESPECIALLY SAUDI ARABIA, TO GIVE IMPRESSION THEY PLAYED MAJOR ROLE IN THE BATTLE, IGNORING DECISIVE ROLE OF ARMIES, WEAPONS, RESISTANCE OF THE MASSES AND SOV BACKING". SUCH TRENDS, WARNED MANIFESTO, WOULD LEAD TO "SURRENDER AND UNILATERAL SETTLEMENTS" THAT WOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NEITHER ACHIEVE FULL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ARAB TERRITORIES NOR ENSURE "NATIONAL RIGHTS" OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

3. MANIFESTO DWELT AT LENGTH ON NEED TO PRESERVE ARAB UNITY, "CONSOLIDATED DURING THE FIGHTING", INCLUDING SUPPORT FOR ARAB "NATIONALIST AND PROGRESSIVE FORCES AND FORCES OF WORLD PEACE AND FREEDOM, HEADED BY USSR". SAID ANY SETTLEMENT THAT DID NOT TAKE THESE FORCES INTO ACCOUNT WOULD BE "TANTAMOUNT TO SURRENDER

AND HUMILIATION,/ AND WOULD "CONTRADICT ARAB PEOPLES' DESIRE FOR NATIONAL AND SOCIAL LIBERATION AS WELL AS INTERESTS OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE." CALLED SPECIFICALLY FOR COOPERATION AMONG EGYPT, SYRIA, IRAQ, ALGERIA, SOUTH YEMEN, FEDAYEEN AND ARAB COMMUNIST PARTIES "IN STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND ZIONISM", AND FOR CONSOLIDATING "STEADFASTNESS AND FIGHTING CAPACITY OF EGYPTIAN, SYRIAN AND IRAQI ARMIES. . . TO FACE ANY EVENTUALITY". OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDED "EXPANDING AND DIVERSIFYING" CAMPAIGN TO LIQUIDATE AMERICAN IMPERIALIST INTERESTS IN ARAB WORLD, ESPECIALLY OIL INTERESTS, WITHDRAWING ARAB DEPOSITS IN AMERICAN BANKS, SEVERING DIPLOMATIC AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH US, AND "USING ARAB ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO BOLSTER ARAB FIGHTING STRENGTH AND RECONSTRUCT ECONOMIC FACILITIES".

4. IN SEPARATE STATEMENT, SYRIAN, JORDANIAN AND LEBANESE COMMUNIST PARTIES EXPRESSED SOLIDARITY WITH IRAQI COMMUNIST PARTY IN ITS RECENT CONFRONTATIONS WITH KURDISH DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN IRAQ, CHARGING KURDS WERE BENT ON "LIQUIDATING" IRAQI COMMUNISTS, UNDERMINING IRAQI NATIONAL UNITY, AND WEAKENING GOI IN FACE OF "IMPERIALIST INTRIGUES".

5. COMMENT: COMMUNIST PARTY MANIFESTO APPEARS HAVE THREE PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES: A) DEMONSTRATE DESIRE OF USSR TO SEE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT ACHIEVED ON BASIS OF UN RESOLUTIONS, THEREBY ADDING PRESSURE TO "PROGRESSIVE" ELEMENTS IN ARAB WORLD WHO OPPOSING SETTLEMENT (NOTABLY IRAQI AND SOUTH YEMEN GOVTS. AND SOME FEDAYEEN GROUPS); B) PROTECT USSR AGAINST SWING OF ARAB SENTIMENT TOWARD USG IN CONTEXT OF PROGRESS TOWARD PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT; AND C) PLACE USSR IN POSITION SHARPLY INCREASE ITS OWN INFLUENCE IN ARAB WORLD SHOULD EFFORTS TO FIND PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT FALTER AND GENEVA PEACE TALKS NOT BE HELD. TIMING OF MANIFESTO SEEMS DESIGNED ACHIEVE MAXIMUM IMPACT ON ALGIERS MEETINGS OF ARAB FORMINS AND CHIEFS OF STATE. BUFFUM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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